

Copy of Father Mateo's letter to me (as I decipher it)
and my questions - January 1944.

1. I am in a sea of uncertainty - obsessed with self and not with God, what must I do to rise out of this rut? My endeavors, if such they be, are fruitless.
2. Is it true this is a period of spiritual darkness, or am I deceiving those who represent Him?

Response

Dear Sister:

1. To expel self, to chase it, to crush it: be practically humble. What I mean? Look for a humiliation at least once a week, on Friday; yes look for it, relish it, be so brave and generous that if you do not find the opportunity of being humiliated, look eagerly for it, provoke it! We learn a language practicing that language. Do the same for the language of true humility.
2. To dispel clouds of darkness be little, be childlike, be very simple. Simplicity is lacking I think - I repeat be humble, humiliating yourself - don't worry God's not - pure simplicity.
Blessings!

F. Mateo

What did I do? - This. I consulted two spiritual Fathers, was told to go regularly to the same Confessor, to simply expose all and do as bid, to have recourse to the one Providence had appointed, that to try to go on alone would be dangerous. I acted upon the advice given me and a costly ordeal it was. I didn't look any further for humiliation as it seemed to me God had done a pretty good job of it, and didn't need assistance but my cooperation. I threw myself with absolute trust upon God, and painfully did what I thought He wanted. Great kindness and patience were shown me in my misery for which I shall ever be grateful, but with none do I enjoy that holy freedom as with you who understand my needy soul so well. May He flood your soul with the superabundance of His great love in thanksgiving for your goodness to me.

S. Mary

J. M. J.

ST. JOSEPH CONVENT
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Jan. 1, 1944

Dear Reverend Father,

Be assured that I was happy to receive your Christmas card.

Since I haven't your address I am hoping this message will be forwarded to you. The above address shows you that I have been changed to another mission.

Of course, I am happy to be where God has placed
me through Providence; and I am delighted to
be teaching again.

This past year has been one of heavy crosses and
anxiety for me. My dear Mother died in December
eleventh after a long and serious illness of eleven
months. The long suffering - and the sudden death -
in the end has been a bitter experience. Of course,
I always hoped that God would arrange matters so that
I would be present with Mother in her dying moments -
and I have prayed daily for twenty years that she would
have a priest at her death bed. Both these satisfactions
were denied me - but God knows best. Mother was
well prepared - by a long and useful life. God rest her soul.
Please remember her and me in your masses. Devotedly in J.M.G.,
Sister Mary Louise

pneumonia. However, Mrs. Mandiani died from a severe heart attack. I thought the Lord was so good to them - to take both so close together. They were so devoted and were such good God-loving people. Our parish will miss them. Ruth and I sang and Raymond was one of the pall-bearers. Father Woods is still with us and is living in the little Chapel.

We are very proud of our new little church. Last spring Bishop Holl had Confirmation in our church for the classes from Lowell and Shelby. Father Boney was so good in cooperating and

R.P.#1

Lowell, Ind.
Jan. 2, 1944

Dear Father Aloysius,
Our family wishes to thank you for the greatly appreciated Christmas greeting from you and we hope and pray that the New Year will be kind to you in every way.

Mother and I were sorry to have to miss Midnight Mass on Christmas but we were in bed with the "flu". We are happy to say

way, Mr. Lirais is again a member of our Church and he is a faithful worker. The Fogli sisters still work as diligently as usual. They certainly are unselfish and thoughtful of others. Father Woods depends upon them for so many things.

We have eleven boys from our parish in service. I believe the only one left is James Moscato. He was married a short time before Tenneth was.

I suppose you knew that Mr. Pomroy passed away about a year ago. He was so lonely and pathetic after his wife had died.

In such a short time since you have gone there have been quite a few changes in our parish. We often speak of you and want you to know

J. M. J.

Jan.4,1944

Dear Reverend Father:

Our greetings for a very Holy New Year!
And our sincerest thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending the pictures of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All appreciate them and unite with me in thanking you.

I leave for a 10-day retreat at the Cenacle in Chicago - a retreat for superiors preached by the Rev. Mateo Crawley, Jan.8-18 inclusive. All the S.S.C.M. Superiors in the U. S. except Mother Mary Liguori are making it, so I beg your prayers for each and every one of us. Please do not forget me - the neediest of them all.

I surely miss hearing from you, but God is master and we must submit to His will. I understand and know it isn't unwillingness on your part. The costly feature of it is, my dire need requires that I have a spiritual director now-they say it would be dangerous to go on without one, and I am forced to seek this help from another. Please pray God to give me the light and strength I need. It is a costly ordeal. Come w hat may I shall continue to be united with you in Christ through Mary for the Glory of the Father. May His holy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Union of prayer and sacrifice,

Sister Mary

Thank
you

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Reverendo Padre, Luis Ellacuria.
Supongo recibirá Vd. mi última
carta, que le mande, gracias
por la tarjeta de Cris-
mas, gracias por la tarjeta de Cris-
mas. Hace como una semana
estoy preguntando, en mi
Santa Comunión, si está con-
tento, de Vd. en todas las pre-
guntas, que me hace Vd. me
responde que sí. Bajando
su cuerpo, y cabeza, cojiendo
mis manos entre suyos, y res-
póndome. Como Vd. me dice,
le pregunto, por su herma-
no, Padre José Ellacuria.
Nunca respondió, ni una
vez, tantas veces, que para,
Vd. lee, preguntado, no se
movió, para nada, estaba
fiero, sin mover. Vd. no
tiene tiempo, para todo, como
antes tenía, y por eso se que-
ja Vd. pensando, que no ha-
ce bastante, ya ve Vd. como
a' respondió, con tantos esco-

care, que tiene Vol. no tiene tiempo para
todo, me acierdo con esto, con las Cartas, que me
escribias, mi hermano, que no tenía tiempo de
sobrar, para nada, cuando estabas, en Argentina
en el Seminario, en la escuela normal, con los de
colones. - Pues lo mismo es, el trabajo, para
yo no de la Vol. de pensar, que no hace las
tante, por que si no hace Vol. de un modo,
hace Vol. de otro modo, por que no le sobra el
tiempo, por eso lamenta Vol. pero eso no es
tu falta que tus trabajos nuevos, lo ocupan
con mas tiempo que antes. pues lo mismo te
daba Vol. para Dios, de otro modo. Hace unos
días estuve en Hospital, a visitarle a Sister
Milemida, y los 3 sacerdotes. que estan en
el Hospital con tuberculois...

3 Sister Wüldrich ya me dijo,
lo que le decia Vd. para de
cirme, pues los 3 sacerdotes
no parecen, que estan enfer-
mos, parecen sanos, y buenos
en la presencia, y sin dolor
y alegres, no parecen, mas que
que es una penitencia, para
estar en la cama, sin encon-
trarse enfermos. el primero
que estubo, Father Rayen,
dice misa todos los dias, el
no esta en la cama, como
antes, el ba a fuera, y anda
dentro tan bien, el hace como
un año que esta, el esta muy
guapo en la cara, con colo-
res de Rosa, le dije haber, de
donde habia traído, aquellos
hermos colores, me contesto,
de Irlanda: el Padre Algü-
n, tambien es muy guapo
es una lastima de berles
en la cama sin hacer na-
da, y a ellos tambien, eso
les lastima, tan jóvenes
sin emplear, en sus
trabajos. ---

el Padre Alpin, Tiene permiso, de decir,
Misa, 3 veces a la semana, del medico,
el tercero, le menis por que me dijo
que solo habia fumado 15 cigarrillos.
le dijo que cada dia 2 que me baje ~~de~~
al dia 4 y luego me la da el le conoia,
antes de enfermarse, Sister Wilbriola
estaba con migo, y le dijo tambien que
es demasiado, y que me hoyga lo que le
decia, y al ultimo me dijo que bajaria
le dijo a Sister Wilbriola ^a cuando salimos,
del cuanto, que nome gusta su fumar
y que tardaria, mas tiempo en ponerse bien
y que era desoediente en fumar, y que
Dios nome hoy mas en mis oraciones! y que
le diga eso de mi grante me dijo que si.

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Pues sin mas le desgrido, hasta
la suya, deseandole, un Feliz
año Nuevo, en todos sus trabajos.

Mrs. Pia Navarro.

en el Corazon, de Jesus...

urtebarri, ona, Pasau,
biar, onak, Egiten, gure,
jaunentraco. agurr,
urhengora arrtian---

to do some teaching and Prefect the boys.

I visited Beaverville at Xmas time and had a few minutes with Sister Mary Mediatif. She is always the same sweet person. I miss her very much. She was such a big help to me.

The bell is ringing for Holy Mass so I will have to bring this letter to a close.

I know you will remember us during our retreat in a special way & I too will make a special visit for your intentions.

I thought of you very much at Xmas time and asked our Infant King many things for you.

I am always, in Mary's Holy Heart, your spiritual daughter,

Sister St Eugene

J. M. J.

January 8, 1944

Dear Father:

Forgive me for not acknowledging at an earlier date the lovely letter you sent me at the time of my Feast day. You will never know how much it has meant to me; it has been re-read many, many times.

I want to thank you in the name of all the Sisters for the pictures of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They are lovely and I am sure our dear Mother in Heaven will bless you for your generosity.

I am leaving for Chicago today to make an eight day retreat at the Cenacle under the direction of Father Mateo. I know you will be happy to know this and will pray for me that the grace of making a retreat under such a

J. M. J.

St. Patrick Academy
Mokenca, Illinois

January 27, 1944

Dear Father:

I am wondering whether you received the letter I sent you from Manteno a couple of weeks ago. Father won't you please send me just a short note telling me what procedure to take regarding the question I wrote to you about? I know you are extremely busy & have not time to write much but just a few lines will be enough.

May I ask you to please pray for Sister St. Philip and Mother Mary Dolores?

Oh! if they could only understand how much God loves them, how different things would be!

I was in Beaverville last Tuesday for the ceremony and had a nice talk with our Sister M. Mediatris. She was looking quite well.

I also visited Father Julien at the hospital a week ago - poor father, he does not seem to make much progress.

Our retreat with Father Mateo was something I will never forget. I took some.

notes and when I get time to recopy them I will send them to you. He is indeed a very holy man and his whole retreat was the preaching of sanctity. This is my great ambition but I do not make much headway I am afraid.

Rev. Mother is visiting us and will be here about a week. Then she will visit the Sisters in Hot Springs. I hope the results of her visit here this year will be more comforting than that of last year.

I am enclosing some Mass stipends for you Father. Those for the Sisters, I would like you to say yourself - the others can be said by someone else if you cannot say them.

Please ask God to send us some vocations - there are only five in the Pontiate right now.

I must close Father and will look for a word from you soon. Please do not disappoint me will you?

I pray for you very much and ask Him to bless you in your work for souls. All, for His greater honor & glory!

In Mary's Holy Heart, I remain
always your grateful,
Sister St. Eugene.